

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2796 - SB 2990

February 2, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) Provides a mechanism for a constitutional convention to consider altering, reforming, or abolishing Article I, Section 8, relative to the privacy interests of parents in their child rearing decisions; (2) requires the question of calling a constitutional convention to be submitted to the voters at the August 2000 election; and (3) requires the Secretary of State to publish notice of such an election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 One-Time

Assumes:

- A cost of \$20,000 to publish notices in the newspaper in each county.
- Election expenses will be minimal, since the question of calling a convention will be placed on the regular August election ballot.

For information purposes, the following should be noted:

1. The estimated cost of holding a constitutional convention with 33 delegates to consider the issues contained in the bill is as follows: A constitutional convention lasting 15 days is estimated to cost approximately \$108,000. A constitutional convention requiring 20 days is estimated to cost approximately \$140,000. A constitutional convention requiring 30 days is estimated to cost approximately \$205,000.
2. Estimated cost to hold a statewide referendum that is not conducted in conjunction with a statewide election is approximately \$4,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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